

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 8(k) of the United States Code requires that when the flag of the United States of America is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning; and

WHEREAS, the City Code states that an open burning for ceremonial purposes such as a bonfire, must comply with the appropriate permit requirements, including the payment of the permit fee; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the provision of funding for the permit fee for a ceremonial burning to retire the flag of the United States of America by the VVA Chapter 844 promotes patriotism and respect for government regulation and constitutes an important public purpose or benefit to the City and citizens of El Paso for which the City is willing to expend discretionary funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Council declares that the expenditure of discretionary funds to pay for the permit fee for an open burn in order to comply with the City Code requirements and with federal law for the retirement of the flag of the United States of America benefits the community in that it promotes patriotism and respect for government regulation, serves a municipal purpose, and is authorized.

Dated this ____ day of June 2011.

CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

Josette Flores
Assistant City Attorney